

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

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2. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ food or beverage of Claim 3, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition of Claim 1~~ food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising:

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, [caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid] or

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein said food or beverage is selected from the group consisting of a milk product, a cereal or pasta product, a soy product, a rice product, a wheat flour product, an oil or fat-containing food, a condiment, a semisolid food, a sauce, a soup, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, decaffeinated tea, a herbal tea or infusion, a chocolate product, a beverage containing alcohol, a fruit or vegetable juice and a soft drink.

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A supplement comprising

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or  
pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and

(c) a nutrient, vitamin, mineral, herbal product or drug.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The supplement of Claim 8~~ A supplement comprising

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or  
pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein the supplement is in the form of a tablet, granule, fine subitiae, pill, powder,  
capsule, troche, medicinal drink, solution for injection, suppository, or dermatological  
preparation.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for preventing or treating hypertension or high  
blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of ~~a composition comprising~~ (a)

~~ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a~~  
~~component selected from caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid,~~  
~~and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in~~  
need thereof.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

In 14. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising  
administering an effective dosage of ~~a composition comprising~~ (a) ~~ferulic acid or an ester~~

~~thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from~~  
~~caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, and pharmaceutically~~  
~~acceptable salts thereof, the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.~~

15. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is

reduced.

(A) 16. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

17. - 19. (Canceled)

(20) (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(21) (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(22) (New) The supplement of Claim 21, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

7. (23) (New) The supplement of Claim 8, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

(A) 24. (New) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

(A) 25. (New) The process of Claim 24, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

(A) 26. (New) The process of Claim 24, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

(A) 27. (New) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

(A) 28. (New) The process of Claim 27, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

(A) 29. (New) The process of Claim 27, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

(A) 30. (New) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

31. (New) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

32. (New) The supplement of Claim 31, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

33. (New) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

34. (New) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the supplement of Claim 10 to a subject in need thereof.

35. (New) The process of Claim 34, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

36. (New) The process of Claim 34, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

37. (New) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

38. (New) The process of Claim 37, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

39. (New) The process of Claim 37, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1, 7, 9, and 17-19 have been canceled.

Claims 2-6, 8, 10-11, and 14 have been amended.

Claims 20-39 have been added.

The amendment of Claims 2-6, 8, 10-11, and 14 and the addition of new Claims 20-39 is supported by the original claims as filed. The amendment of Claim 6 is further supported by previously pending Claim 6 and 7. The amendment of Claim 8 is further supported by previously pending Claim 8 and 9. The amendment of Claim 10 is further supported by previously pending Claims 8 and 10.

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.